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Re: In connection with prosecution in Serial. No.
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Sincerely,

David Bonham

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Serial No. 09/715,902
Docket No. PP01627.003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donnelly et al.
Serial No.: 09/715,902
Filed: 11/17/2000
Title: MICROPARTICLE-BASED TRANSFECTION AND ACTIVATION OF
DENDRITIC CELLS
Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: Wehbé, Anne Marie Sabrina
Docket No.: 1627.003

VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9306
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Further to the non-final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 in the above matter
Examiner, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 14, 16-18 and 30 as follows:

a¹
1. (Amended) A method of transfecting dendritic cells comprising:
providing dendritic cells;
providing a transfection agent comprising a polynucleotide and microparticles,
said microparticles comprising biodegradable polymer and cationic detergent; and
incubating the dendritic cells and transfection agent *ex vivo* for a time sufficient to
transfect the dendritic cells with the polynucleotide.